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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (P A R A F)

COMMISSION TENDS TO VIEW RESTRICTED MECHANISM AS EVEN
LESS DESIRABLE THAN GLOBAL ONE WOULD BE.

C. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR NEXT UN DEVELOPMENT DECADE

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK OBSERVED
THAT OVERVIEW MECHANISM FOR CIEC FOLLOW-UP AND STRATEGY
FOR NEXT UN DEVELOPMENT DECADE COULD BE RELATED, AND
THAT IN FUTURE U.S. WOULD BE SEEKING TO CONCENTRATE ON
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND ON MACRO-ECONOMIC GROWTH
STRATEGIES, EXPANDED TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE
GENERAL NEED FOR PRIVATE AS WELL AS OFFICIAL RESOURCE
TRANSFERS RATHER THAN ON TARGETS FOR OFFICIAL DEVELOP-
MENT ASSISTANCE. COMMISSION REPS NOTED THAT IT WOULD
BE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE LDC EMPHASIS
ON ODA TARGETS, BUT SAID THAT COMMUNITY AS YET HAD NO
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FIRM POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR NEXT
DEVELOPMENT DECADE. THEY INDICATED THAT BASIC HUMAN
NEEDS RATIONALE SET FORTH BY U.S. SIDE MIGHT BE
DIFFICULT FOR LDC'S TO ACCEPT BECAUSE IT SUGGESTS
INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. DEPUTY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY FRANK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS APPROACH MUST BE PACKAGED ATTRACTIVELY TO AVOID THE NEGATIVE REACTION ALREADY VOICED IN VARIOUS QUARTERS, INCLUDING ECOSOC. CASPARI INDICATED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT DOWNWARD TREND IN ODA MUST BE REVERSED IF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY VIS-A-VIS THE LDC'S. THIS IS A PRECONDITION TO OTHER POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR NEXT DECADE.

D. ENERGY DIALOGUE

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION CENTERED AROUND THE WALDHEIM PROPOSAL. EC SIDE, WHICH HAD JUST COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBER STATES IN COREPER, INDICATED THAT IN GENERAL COMMUNITY WOULD ADOPT A LOW PROFILE IN UNGA ON ENERGY DIALOGUE. GIVEN CIEC OUTCOME ON THIS SUBJECT IT IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO PRESS FOR ANY NEW INITIATIVES. A FEW OF THE EC MEMBER STATES FAVOR EXPRESSIONS OF POSITIVE INTEREST IN WALDHEIM PROPOSAL AT 32ND SESSION, WITH QUALIFICATION THAT EQUAL WEIGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO QUESTION OF EQUITABLE AND STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY WORLDWIDE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ISSUE. ONE DIFFICULTY WITH WALDHEIM PROPOSAL, IN EC VIEW, IS THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CANNOT EXPECT ANY QUID PRO QUO FROM LDC'S IF IT IS ENDORSED. MOREOVER, ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSAL INEVITABLY IMPLIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A LINK WITH THE UN STRUCTURE. COMMISSION ENERGY OFFICIALS REGRETTED THAT NON-OIL LDC'S, FEARFUL OF ANTAGONIZING OPEC, VIEW ENERGY DIALOGUE IN DIFFERENT TERMS THAN OECD COUNTRIES, I.E., PRIMARILY AS A POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER DEVICE.

E. DEBT

DEBT WAS VIEWED BY BOTH U.S. AND EC AS A THORNY TOPICAL ISSUE IN NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE TACTICS WHICH SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IN COMING WEEKS IN COPING WITH G-77 DEMANDS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DEBT RELIEF ISSUE IN UNCTAD. U.S. SIDE PRESENTED A VARIETY OF ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF IBRD/IMF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS MOST SUITABLE FORUM FOR SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION OF DEBT PROBLEMS OF MID-LEVEL LDC'S, E.G., MEXICO, BRAZIL, TURKEY, ETC. IN THIS REGARD, PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY U.S. SIDE THAT U.S.-EC FEATURES PAPER (ORIGINALLY TABLED AT CIEC) MIGHT BE INTRODUCED IN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WAS TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED BY COMMISSION

OFFICIALS. CASPARI AND OTHERS WERE INTRIGUED BY
ARGUMENT THAT IT COULD BE A DEVICE FOR KEEPING G-77
OFF BALANCE IN THAT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTED
A COMPETING TRACK TO UNCTAD. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO
RECOGNIZED THERE IS POTENTIAL DANGER THAT G-77 WILL
NEGOTIATE ON US-EC PAPER IN IBRD/IMF CONTEXT AND ALSO
PRESS FOR GENERALIZED DEBT RELIEF AT UNCTAD MINISTERIAL.
COMMISSION SAID THAT IN COMING WEEKS IT WOULD
CONSIDER FURTHER THIS MATTER OF A TWO-TRACK APPROACH
TO DEBT AND LEFT IMPRESSION THEY WOULD AGREE TO UTILITY
OF DISCUSSION IN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS LONG AS WE
DID NOT USE THAT AS DEVICE TO PREEMPT FURTHER TALKS
IN UNCTAD.

F. COMMON FUND
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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON COMMON FUND REVEALED
THAT COMMISSION POSITION IS RELATIVELY UNSETTLED.

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDED FIRST LINE OF TEXT)

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON COMMON FUND REVEALED THAT COMMISSION POSITION IS RELATIVELY UNSETTLED. SEPARATE SERVICES ARE STILL CONSIDERING POSSIBLE OPTIONS WITH REGARD TO BACK-UP FACILITIES, GOVERNING BOARD DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES AND TACTICS FOR APPROACHING NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS QUESTION IN UNCTAD. SCHEDULE CALLS FOR ELABORATION OF AGREED COMMISSION POSITION IN COMING WEEKS AND SUBMISSION TO EC COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IN OCTOBER. AT PRESENT TIME, ONLY FIRM COMMISSION VIEW APPEARS TO BE THAT INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE SHOULD CONSIST OF A POOLING ARRANGEMENT RATHER THAN A CENTRAL SOURCE FUND. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXCHANGE PAPERS ON VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS REGARDS ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT ISSUES AS MEANS OF CLEARING AWAY SOME OF UNDER BRUSH AGAINST THE TIME WHEN THESE MATTERS WILL COME UP DURING SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS. U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPRESSED UPON EC SIDE THE NEED FOR PROGRESS ON CONCLUSION OF FURTHER COMMODITY AGREEMENTS (ESPECIALLY SUGAR) IN ORDER TO HAVE CREDIBLE, VIABLE NEGOTIATING POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IN UNCTAD. EC SIDE, WHILE REHEARSING FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS RE DIFFICULTY OF EXPORT QUOTAS FOR EC, ACCEPTED THE POINT AND SAID COMMISSION WOULD TAKE DECISION SOON ON NEW MANDATE TO PROPOSE TO COUNCIL WHICH THEY HOPED WOULD PERMIT EC TO GO INTO NEXT ROUND WITH MORE FORTHCOMING POSITION. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT NEW AGREEMENT ON NATURAL RUBBER WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO DO AND POLITICALLY DESIRABLE, AND OUGHT TO BE HIGH ON OUR AGENDAS FOR FUTURE ACTION.

G. FUTURE OF NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS

THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON BOTH SIDES THAT MAINTENANCE OF GOOD WILL ACHIEVED AT CIEC MINISTERIAL BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH PRIORITY OVER THE SHORT AND LONGER TERM. NEITHER SIDE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, HOWEVER, GIVEN POTENTIAL FOR LDC DISILLUSIONMENT ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO COMMON FUND. CONTACTS WITH G-77 ON BILATERAL AND REGIONAL BASIS IN COMING WEEKS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF LOWERING LDC EXPECTATIONS RE NOVEMBER UNCTAD MEETING ON COMMON FUND AND HELPING TO DIMINISH POTENTIAL FOR CONFRONTATION, WERE DEEMED DESIRABLE. U.S. SUGGESTION THAT KEY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES COORDINATE INFORMALLY DURING UNGA ON NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM THE

COMMISSION.

3. BOTH SIDES AGREED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON UNGA AND
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OTHER ISSUES WAS HIGHLY USEFUL AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED
ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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